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 Washington, DC 20505

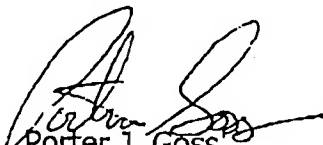
Dear Mr. Tenet:


We invite you or your representative to testify at an open hearing on the Chinese Embassy bombing. We would like to hear explanations from both the military and intelligence elements involved in this incident.

The committee understands that various studies and an investigation of the bombing have been conducted, and we would like the results of these efforts presented. This presentation should cover at least the following issues: a description of the process that ultimately results in bombing a target, what went wrong with the process in this case, and what steps will minimize the possibility this could happen again. We would suggest that key individuals involved in these reviews or that are responsible for the process be available for questioning during this session.

The hearing will be open and will be held on Thursday, June 10, 1999, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The exact location of the hearing is yet to be determined. We ask that oral testimony be kept to a total of 20 minutes in order to maximize the time available for questions from committee members. In accordance with committee rules, written statements must be provided to the committee no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 1999, without exception. Questions concerning this hearing may be addressed to Mr. John Stopher at (202) 225-4121. A similar letter has been sent to the Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely,


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 Chairman


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